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## FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. John C. Meyer
Superfund Compliance Section (6H-EC)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
-- Region VI
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Docket No. CERCLA-VI-05-88 In the Matter of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, et als. Premises: 7198 Mykawa Road, Houston, Texas

Docket No. CERCLA-VI-06-88 In the Matter of Houston-St. Louis Properties, Ltd. et als. Premises: 1046 Lockwood Drive, Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am in receipt of the Administrative Orders (the "Orders") referred to above on behalf of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company ("TNE") and Houston-St. Louis Properties, Ltd. ("Houston"). Each of TNE and Houston is the owner of the site listed above under its name. I called your office yesterday and today to respond as required by each Administrative Order and was unable to reach you.

On Friday, June 10, 1988, we met with Pat Hammock, the On-Scene Coordinator for Region VI of the EPA in these matters. Present at each meeting were representatives of the tenant in each building. At those meetings, and as we understand from recent telephone conversations and correspondence, each tenant has informed you of its intent to act as ordered.

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As discussed at the meeting with Pat Hammock, we are continuing to assist each tenant in the development of plans to sample and overpack drums (where necessary) and to perform the other requirements of each Order. We agree to continue to assist our tenants in this manner.

We have not verified some of the factual matters in the Administrative Orders and are therefore not prepared to admit or deny them. We have, however, taken the steps noted earlier in this letter and will continue to assist our tenants. Unless changed, Frank Petz will be the designated representative for TNE and Houston. His address is the same as mine above and his telephone number is (617) 578-1830.

By this letter, we request a conference with the EPA. We would expect our tenant, in each case, to be present. We understand that the conference with A-International Distribution, the tenant at the warehouse located at 1046 Lockwood Drive, Houston, Texas is now scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 1988, at your offices in Dallas. We have discussed this with A-International Distribution and will have representatives present at the meeting. Frank Petz will be one of our representatives.

If you wish to discuss this, please call me.

Very truly yours,

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